

Farm Labor

The Utah Agricultural Statistics Service conducts quarterly agricultural labor surveys in January, April, July, and October. Data concerning hired labor, hours worked, and wage rates for the week (Sunday through Saturday) containing the 12th of the month are combined with Colorado and Nevada to form the Mountain II region.

The number of hired farm workers in the Mountain II region during the July 2001 through April 2002 quarterly survey periods peaked in April 2002 at 25,000 workers, followed by July 2001 with 24,000 workers and October 2001 with 21,000 workers. A low of 17,000 workers was reported in January 2002.

July 2001 was the busiest quarter with hired workers averaging 47.0 hours for the week, followed by October 2001 with 43.5 hours and April 2002 with 37.7 hours. January 2002 was the low with the hired labor working 33.2 hours for the week.

The average wage rates were generally higher during the January 2002 survey period where the average rate for all hired workers was \$9.15 per hour. Field workers received their highest wage rates in January 2002 at \$8.54 per hour and their lowest at \$7.36 per hour in July 2001. Livestock workers received their highest wages in April 2002 at \$8.58 per hour and their lowest in July 2001 at \$8.05 per hour.

Farm Labor: Number Hired, Wage Rates, & Hours Worked, Mountain II Region, July 2001, October 2001, January 2002, and April 2002 ^{1 2}

	July 2001	October 2001	January 2002	April 2002
Hired Workers (1,000 employees)				
Hired workers	24	21	17	25
Expected to be employed				
150 days or more	19	13	13	20
149 days or less	5	8	4	5
Hours Worked (per week)				
Hours worked by hired workers	47.0	43.5	33.2	37.7
Wage Rates (dollars per hours)				
Wage rates for all hired workers ²	8.28	8.08	9.15	8.95
Type of worker				
Field	7.36	7.65	8.54	8.06
Livestock	8.05	8.09	8.48	8.58
Field & Livestock combined	7.64	7.78	8.51	8.26

¹ Mountain II Region includes Colorado, Nevada, and Utah.

² Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

